

Work begins on ground-water well

Crews began drilling a 700-foot-deep ground-water monitoring well in the parking lot on the north side of Building 180 July 22 as part of the Laboratory's continuing Superfund investigation into the Arroyo Seco aquifer.

"The data from this new well should provide additional characterization of the water in the aquifer," said Charles Buril, manager of JPL's Environmental Affairs Office. It will take several weeks to sink the well, but once in, employees authorized to park there may resume doing so.

Buril reassured his JPL co-workers that the water they drink on-Lab is safe and meets all federal and state regulatory standards. Referring to a law firm's recent full-page ad in a local newspaper about water quality in the region, Buril said it appeared to be a scare tactic designed by that firm to obtain additional clients for its lawsuit against a San Gabriel water utility. □

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